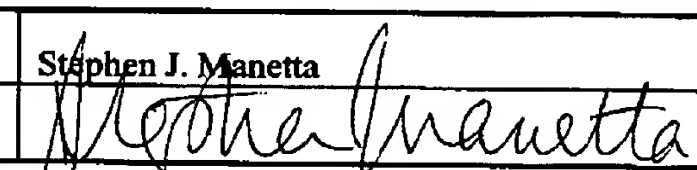


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application No.	09/881,341
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)		Filing Date	June 14, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Noriyoshi CHIZAWA
		Group Art Unit	2626
		Examiner Name	Jerome GRANT II
		Atty Docket No.	1232-4723
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. <i>NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</i>			
1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
iv. Other:			
2. Miscellaneous			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)			
b. Other:			
3. Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No. <u>1232-4723</u>			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.			
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No. <u>1232-4723</u>			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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Signature		Date	February 13, 2006

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